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CH2M HILL Hanford Group celebrates million hours without restricted workday

Richland, WA -- For the first time in the history of the Hanford tank farms, CH2M HILL Hanford Group has achieved one million work hours without a restricted workday. More than 1,400 employees worked 108 consecutive days without an injury that would require a restriction or light-duty assignment from their normal duties.

This comes just weeks after the company announced another significant safety performance milestone—one million work hours without a lost-time injury for the third time in three years.

“As an ongoing part of our business, managers and employees are being retrained in the way we think about and react to safety issues,” said Fran DeLozier, CH2M HILL Hanford Group president. “Reaching yet another significant milestone shows just how seriously we all take safety at Hanford.”

Over the past six months, in an effort to reaffirm a commitment to safety, CH2M HILL employees have been taking refresher behavior-based safety training. The objective is to continue this level of safety performance by stressing subjects like accident prevention and first aid cases. As a result, task teams are helping to identify better controls for some of the causes of those accidents including wind-related injuries, uneven walking surfaces, and snow and ice dangers.

Since September, CH2M HILL has earned an additional 283,000 work hours without a lost-time injury, the company’s highest level of safety performance since 1998 when employees worked 1,330,000 hours without a lost-time injury.